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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Application  
Appl. No. 09/437,607; Filed: November 10, 1999  
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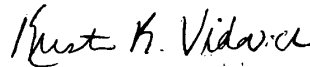
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Respectfully submitted,

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